

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in Vance AFB's Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took seven samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during September 2014. Three of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the systems treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**

Water mains have been flushed to ensure that water that may have been in the pipe network for longer than recommended has been removed. Repeat sampling immediately after the total coliforms were discovered was negative for any coliform bacteria, and further sampling during the rest of the September 2104 was also negative for any coliform bacteria. Bioenvironmental Engineer and Civil Engineering treat the water quality at Vance AFB with the greatest of care and continually work to ensure a safe and healthy environment at Vance AFB.

For more information, please contact Bioenvironmental Engineering at __213-5424__

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